

# TECHNICAL BULLETIN

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Information for community agencies, individuals and families

## TRANSPORTATION

The purpose of this bulletin is to inform both DD providers and individuals and their families that the Department does fund transportation and there are new transportation rates. There has been much discussion about the lack of transportation funding. There have also been a number of calls into our hot-line to complain that “transportation has been cut”. The Department has worked with specific DD providers and individuals to clarify the issue so individuals are being transported to activities. The establishment of a new rate for transportation at two levels was done in order to make the funding and provision of transportation more transparent to families and individuals.

**Under Project Sustainability, the Department now separately authorizes transportation for all individuals to attend and return home from day activities.** In addition, transportation to community activities is included in residential, center based day program, community based day program, supported employment, and community based services rates. Attached is a chart that lists the amount of miles included in each of the Department rates for DD services. The number of miles in the chart is based on an average number of miles per person. Some of these miles will be increased in January.

As indicated in previous communications, we continue to review our expenditures and any questions that we are receiving from the community. In the case of transportation, we have reviewed the rates for the two levels and adjustments will be made effective January 1<sup>st</sup>.